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THE REV CORTLAND W ROBINSON

DELHI NY

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13 Lenz A. Potsdam N.Y.

December 19-29

My dear Parson and Lady.

I started this letter as a personal greeting for the Christmas tide, but as I write the date it brings back many memories of you and your stay in Potsdam. For this was Father's birthday and he would have been one hundred and one years old today. I am so glad you knew him and mother. It is interesting to see their traits cropping out in the third generation.

the mental alertness of Lucia. the
sweet friendly spirit of Norton and her
musical ability. So many of the
little children are so promising in their
music.

Back to my subject - I am wishing
you may have a very happy Christmas.
If you can visit your grandchildren it
will certainly be that. The spirit of a
child - the mind of a child, that is what
makes Christmas and Christmas-
tide it.

I enjoyed a sermon of Stowell's
printed in the "Record of Christian

heard" not long ago. I wish I might hear him.

We are going to miss Grandma very much. She had suffered so much these last years - seem to yearn for and to show affection as never before - Said and did the kindly deed. The new Chapel carpet is one of her memorials - She could do just things big things like that and was beautiful Church light. When no one else would - She was much more socially inclined and our little circle of friends feel her going:

Willie has come in from and during

down early. A fuel famine blizzard has held sway for two days - And tonight the men of the church serve a turkey dinner - 140 lbs of turkey are cooked; now if the people will only be brave enough to get out.

Again my best wishes and appetite

Grace S. Sisson

My dear Court!

Your letter was received in due time and my welcome it was too - I had grown my anxious about you fearing you were sick - but your letter came dispelling all of that - indeed it seems to be good news - Thanking you for mentioning all the family beginning with Lou and Ending with James so that now I have a line on each and Every one of them. I hope the prospect toward Phila. proves a good one - I'll come your way just grab it

You have known you,
duty by Delhi.

I am pretty
well. If I do nothing
I often think of what
you said about Aunt
Mary once - "That she
liked such a selfish
life" - I am just such
another one - but my
heart bruit so just when
ever I try to do any
thing - but I trust find
much to my sister in
Law's disgust - but Holly
is as good an old soul
but for him I would
soon be mad - I have been
out at church a few times
this two years Dr Landrum
has just called he requested
Evening Prayer a Synod - no time
Love to Minnie

MRS. F. T. E. SISSON
14 LEROY STREET
POTSDAM, N. Y.

Oct 22, 1929.

My dear Dr. & Mrs. Robinson:-
I've been more than
pleased I have your remem-
ber our twenty-fifth anni-
versary. Have did you do
it? The years slip by so
fast it's hard to keep them
dates in mind.
If you could have only
walked in your house
I've been about forty

eating The delicious puf-
fer they had brought and
Lucia had gathered bed of
two of my bride's maids! I
was completely surprised
when I was presented with
a beautiful silver tray from
the family. And such beauti-
ful flowers, a day much
the same as it was twenty
five years ago.
You frequently speak of
you with added kindness
they do leave hear from
you or see you

MRS. F. T. E. SISSON
14 LEROY STREET
POTSDAM, N. Y.

Why has not come this way & now
there are quite a few addi-
tions this last year that
you should receive - Returned
home & see you, so glad
I came up & over

Affectionately Yours
Frank & Sadie Sisson

Monday -

My dear Mr. Robinson -

I am so happy to have your sweet note which has come to me from Cuba. I think you will know how very fond I am of both Mrs. Robinson and yourself and the knowledge that that feeling is returned means much to me.

I am disappointed to have seen so little of you all summer but between moving & your —

many house guests I seem to have missed many things.

We would be so glad to see you both in Binghamton. I was sorry to read that our Presbytery did not care to join with Binghamton as I had hoped that might give us an opportunity to enjoy you. I will enclose a card which I hope you will use. I would be delighted to have you phone and say that you would take luncheon or dinner or spend the night with us.

We expect to spend the coming weekend at Corbett and to come to Utica for the communion service if we possibly can.

With very best wishes to you both in which
I most join, Dear,

Sincerely,

Mary Bruce Stuart

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Director of Sunday School Missions

DEPARTMENT OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS

October
22nd
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Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, New York

Dear Doctor Robinson:

I need not tell you what a delight it would be to me to come to Delhi for the meeting to which you refer in your church on November 21st. I am sorry, but I am to be in Denver on that date in connection with the conference of our Sunday School Missionaries working in the Rocky Mountain States. It would be a real joy to revive old times with you, and especially to meet your people and to tell them something about the field work as I see it and know it.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

J. M. Somerndike.

JMS:BH

Carrollton Penna.
Oct 18. 1929

Dear Dr Robinson

Reffering to your letter relative to Jane Lou Deckman will say I do not think she had a long sickness. She was in the Chestnut Hill Hospital but I am under the impression but a short time. Dr Mackey had the services and the Stotesburys were there and I never saw a more elaborate display of flowers. Donated I have no doubt by the Stotesburys. I was at the services, for Jane always professed a great liking for me and I think she was sincere. That falling out she had with Bro Main was very unfortunate as she never was in the Church afterwards although she continued to contribute. We are wondering wether Mrs S. can find as faithful a Secretary as Jane. Please remember me to Mrs Robinson and believe me

Sincerely Yours
W M Sample

Gouverneur, N.Y. Oct 8-29

Dear Court:

Well it is done. The pulpit was declared vacant last Sunday. I have been praying the Lord for years to make it plain to me when He wanted me to quit. I can see now that He was warning me last year. And a year ago this fall I talked with some of my elders about it, but they persuaded me to wait at last till spring. Then I thought I would wait till my anniversary in June. But the Lord answered my prayer and made it very clear before that time what He wanted me to do. I simply wasn't able to go on. I was pretty well knocked out, But I am thankful to say I am slowly recovering and now feel like a different man than I was last June. Of course going through the resigning was a little tough on me. I loved the work and shrank from quitting. But it is better to quit than to go too long. I have been receiving many fine letters-like yours, from old time friends, and the Presbytery said so much I was almost ashamed to sit and listen to it. If I have been able to be of some help to others it is simply because the Master has been gracious enough to work through me. And if I have been able to do for others one half what you and others say I have, I am humbly grateful to Him to Whom all the credit is due. I am slow in acknowledging these appreciated words I have recieved, Ican't stand

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your very gracious letter, urging us to become members of the First Presbyterian Church. It is with real regret that we feel we must decline the invitation.

We have enjoyed the services at your church. We have found the people delightful, and the minister among the finest whom we have been privileged to know.

The fact remains that we are "modernists"

in our religious beliefs, and do not accept many of the orthodox doctrines for which your church stands. We feel that we could both give and receive more in a less conservative group.

Believe me, this has not been an easy choice for us to make. It has been only after long and careful consideration that we have arrived at this decision.

I trust that we may always count you and Mrs. Robinson among our very good friends.

Most sincerely yours,

Eleanor Hussey Smith

September 11, 1924

August 9 1924
1415 Teall ave.
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Robinson,

I am writing to ask a favor of you. I am to be married Sept 16 and would like very much to have you perform the ceremony.

I am to be married here at home at a very quiet wedding just the immediate family. We will probably go to the Club for dinner. I would like very much to have you

and Mrs Robinson here + also have you stay for dinner.

The wedding will be at 6 P. M. standard time.

Could you let me know as soon as possible.

Remember me to Mrs Robinson.

Sincerely,

Sally

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LITTLE FALLS, N.Y. Aug. 17, 1929

Rev. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Upon my return to-day from a short vacation I find your letter of August 10th and it has been read with considerable interest. I am certain it will be helpful to the committee at its next meeting on August 20th.

Your estimate of Mr. McCleave and Mr. Scofield is appreciated and it might interest you to know that the chairman of the committee and I are going to Hobart on Sunday to hear the latter.

I understand that Mr. Walker is practically assured of a call elsewhere which for the present precludes this name regardless of your comment.

However, this is the kind of information which the committee needs and you may feel sure that it will be treated as confidential.

I hope you are having a fine summer and will continue to enjoy your usual robust health.

Very sincerely,

Frank M. Simpson
Secretary.

FMS:B

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Aug. 8, 1929

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Sometime ago you were kind enough to recommend Rev. J. A. Schofield, Jr., of Hobart, N. Y., for the vacancy in the local church. This is being given the investigation which your interest justifies. I have been authorized by the committee to inquire of you whether he is a brother of Rev. Geo. H. Schofield of Goshen who has been an outstanding success I believe in that charge?

In view of your knowledge of the Little Falls church and its needs I wonder if you would mind writing me your ~~interest~~ impression of two other men in your Presbytery who are under consideration? They are Rev. Geo. W. Walker, Margaretville, N. Y., and Rev. Geo. H. McCleave, Richfield Springs, N.Y. It is only fair to say that none of the above are applicants and doubtless do not know that they are under investigation here.

The task of sorting out the many candidates is a difficult one and if you should feel inclined to write us frankly and confidentially about the above it would be greatly appreciated.

I trust you are having a good summer and enjoying your usual first class health.

Very sincerely,

Frank M. Simpson
Secretary.

FMS:B

Nazareth Penna
July 20th 1929
P O Box 275

My Dear Dr Robinson

I see by the Church Bulletin that you are to preach on Aug 11th & 18th and I write to ask you to visit us on which ever of those Sundays it will suit your convenience Charles is very proud of his new house and is anxious you should see it. With kind regards to Mrs Robinson I am

Yours Very Truly
W M Saunier

P.S. I always go in to Church in the car so it will be a pleasure to bring you out.

My dear Carol:

Must write you a few lines - my time I want to hear from you, & I am [illegible] get your letter - and get real reasons to know how you really are.

Mr. Lambuck [illegible] called here a few days ago - Mr. Lambuck seems very much better than before he went away - Fannie is just the same - but seems old - Anna is just the same - does change a little bit. F. spoke of receiving a card from you. She would like to [illegible] mind but does not [illegible] has had a most trying experience his mother - [illegible] died - a cancer and how she did suffer. Was just a skeleton -

They buried her in Cambridge.
They will come to Cuba for the
summer as they usually do.
Our family is
[illegible] this summer. Hallie &
Margaret are at the Lake - have
just a little tiny camp but man-
age to help other to have a good
time and have had the members
of her own family with her
one at a time - Maybe it will be at the
Lake too - the same place where
you have seen her but the
surroundings have changed so
much - so many new places -
with music - and dancing - all
the time - and one can hear
the Sunday at all - but the
Wrights have made the
greatest change of all - it
for they have gone about

and to-day are wandering around England. They sailed from Dover East Friday — We heard from them by ocean cable the 16th and a cablegram from Liverpool this morning — so we did not have long to wait. We have not known how long he will stay — but until the first of October probably.

We have Walter for dinner each day except Sat. and Sun. so that's not so bad.

This is the longest letter I have written. If you can't read it put in the fire —

My love to Gus and also to the Robinsons who inquire —

Kate & Love

Minnie

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May 17,1929

The Rev. W. Cortland Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Cort,

Your letter of the 13th is just received following receipt of letters from Dr. McEwan and Judge Fox with regard to our very difficult problem. Dr. McEwan and Dr. Laird and I met the Committee of Eleven last week in Philadelphia. Dr. Radcliff was there also. After we were heard a committee of the Trustees was to appear. Dr. McEwan made a very good statement for us. Our difficulty, as I see it, lies in the fact of the strong opposition of the minority of the Board of Directors. If our Board of Directors had been able to agree with practical unanimity I should have expected that the Trustees would have agreed with us too and that then the Committee of Eleven would have concurred. Even if the Trustees had not been prepared to agree, we would have been in a very strong position if the Board of Directors had been unanimous or substantially so. But a minority of ten members of the Board rejects absolutely our majority report, and some of its members publicly declare that the report of the Committee of Eleven is preferable to ours. They say that to put the two Boards together, as we propose, means an impossible situation, assuring continued disagreement and involving probably litigation in the courts. It will be argued, accordingly, that our proposition involves the forcing into a common Board of elements that are absolutely opposed to it, or of forcing their resignation in order to protect their consciences. I am not raising these objections myself, but am trying to think of how they can be met, and we must honestly face the difficulties of our task. It is far more difficult than when we met the Trustees and I made the statement to which you so kindly refer. If you have any suggestions as to the matter, please send them on to Dr. McEwan or Dr. Laird or me at St. Paul. I expect to be at the St. Paul Hotel.

Another difficulty in our position is that we do not know the minds of all the members of the majority,and as to what their present view would be, in the light of the attitude and statements of the minority and in the light of the later action of the Board of Trustees. Dr. McEwan has felt, and it has been my view too, that our Committee of Three was limited to doing just one thing, namely, to stating as effectively as we can the position as represented in the majority report. Our problem is how we can do this as effectively as possible in the light of the facts with regard to the minority of our Board and the position of the Board of Trustees?

As to Dr. Laird of whom you speak, I think I can understand fully his position. He believes, and I think justly, that it is impossible for the two Boards to go on as at present, still less to go on with the Board of Trustees reduced to a pure holding corporation, as proposed in Dr. Craig's report. The Trustees will never agree to this. As a matter of fact they never have been merely such a holding corporation, and are not now. It is they who alone are legally qualified to issue the diplomas of the Seminary; it is they who have

complete control of the Library, which is the largest single educational factor in any institution; they have been able to secure exemption from taxation solely because they are an educational corporation, and they can indisputably check the Board of Directors by refusing to vote the funds for the support of professors and other purposes. Dr. Laird sees, as it seems to me that any one must see, that the present situation cannot go on, and that either we must have two Boards that are of one mind and are able to cooperate, or we must have one Board and, of course, such a Board ought also to be a more harmonious and united Board than our Board of Directors has been.

If you have any light, please send it on as I have said, especially as to how we can meet the objections to our majority report that will be based upon the attitude and report of the minority of our Board.

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.

Delhi, N. Y.
May 13, 1929

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 5th Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Robert:

It looks to me that yours must be the compelling voice if our majority report, prepared so largely by you and Mudge, is to be carried through the Assembly. The repeated declarations of Drs. Craig and others that the Thompson report is better than ours greatly hinders us. I was stunned with amazement to hear that one of our group had written suggesting that the Group report be adopted with number of new board reduced to 33 or 35. I was glad you, as was told me, repudiated such a plan as treachery, which it certainly would be. I find my bosom friend, Laird, is rather lukewarm. Consequently, it is up to you. If you speak as earnestly and logically as you did to Trustees you will sweep the Assembly.

I have set aside my first preference

1) To show a spirit of compromise.

2) Because after all this heat two boards will trip and nullify each other.

3) Because I think that to put off any man who has served any length of time on either board will be a cruel, unjust, iniquitous performance for no reason other than that they displeased a few people. No one deserves that harsh treatment from his church.

Yours truly,

WCR:MAL

Gouverneur,N.Y. 5/9/29

Dear Court:

Don't fall when yousee this letter. Different times I have threatened you.Different times I have wanted to talk with you,had powerful things on my mind.You know they say good intentions have done a lot of paving.I love you but I am a poor correspondent.Of course I did not need to tell you that. I wonder how you are.One time that the inclination was strong to write you was when Sherman told me you had not been well.But he said you were better and I suppose that weakened the inclination enough so I did not get pushed to the act.I hope you are all right now.I have had a kind of a rocky winter.Nerves went back on me. George was desperately sick last fall,and I guess the anxiety and loss of sleep-it was long before we could get a nurse,here, Ogdensburg,Watertown or any where-and working under the handicap I guess was too much for me.Nerves went,upset digestion,set heart a flutter and so on.And I went on under that handicap and recovery has been slow.But I am much better now;though just at present I am rallying from laryngitis-couldnt talk last Sunday.We had a great service in the evening-laymen,only men in the choir and a man at the organ-they made the rafters shake-it was great.

I wanted to write you when Stewart went to Elizabeth.Eva-Kate's sister-was at the installation and sent us paper giving account of it.Congratulations.It is fine.If he does not look out he will eclipse the great record of his father-and that will be going some. I guess he gets a bigger salary now than you ever got doesn't he? Then I liked your stand on the Princeton affair.But I must confess the Presbyterian tires me.Seems to me unfortunate that the Trustees did not join with you.It will mix matters at the Assembly wont it-the failure to agree?

Thanks for the report.It is a good one,But the thing that impressed me especially was theway you have the church organized.You are some as an administrator and organizer as well as preacher. We are expecting Sherman home tomorrow.Aclassmate of his who is married,and lives in Cleveland,is driving through.Sherman is coming with them to Syracuse where they pick up Rhoda and all come up here for the week end.Rhoda spent Thanksgiving with them in Princeton.Sherman had I4 exams.In nine of them he got 2nd group and in the other five he got Ist.He lacked .36 of making Ist. Only one other got a higher mark-in his class.Pretty good.

He is going to preach up at Childwold this summer.His uncle is g going to send him abroad a year after his graduation.Well Courty

Write-When you can.Love to you all. Will

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May 6, 1929.

Rev. W. Cortland Robinson, D. D.,

Delhi, New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you very much for your letter of the second instant. I am sure none of your friends, or any one who is familiar with the quality of your spiritual leadership would for a moment think you had abandoned any of your fundamental convictions simply because your name appears with some others on the Report of the Majority of the Directors at Princeton.

The temper of the Church at large is indeed something which must be dealt with; but, personally I am not in a position to know with any degree of assurance what that temper is or what is the best method of dealing with it. I do feel, however, that there is a very substantial element in the Church that would resent very deeply the shifting of Princeton from its historical conservative position. Fear of this element should constitute a deterrent to those three factions which you describe as being in control of the machinery of the church. As I see it, the effectiveness of this as a deterrent will depend upon how this shifting of the Seminary position is accomplished. If it is done in a way which will enable them to make the change gradually under continuing protests of loyalty, they will have avoided the danger which would be incident to accomplishing it openly and at once.

I therefore have a great deal of sympathy for Dr. Craig's view that if the Seminary is to be stolen the Conservatives should force

them to steal it in a way which will leave no doubt in the mind of the Church as to the significance of the theft. If the Liberals are forced into this method of taking it, they will be confronted not only with the indignation of a large section of the Church but they will at once put themselves in a position of intolérance which they have been decrying for so many years.

So it is that I have sympathy for the Minority Report and have hopes that it may prevail, even in the next Assembly.

It may well be that if the Report, as recommended by the majority of the Directors, is adopted by the Assembly the consequences in the Seminary which we fear might not materialize. I understand, however, that the Presbyterian Advance is recommending that the Thompson Committee adopt the Majority Report as its own. If this is so it indicates that the Liberals view this report as favoring its program, and while in doing it they may be actuated by a spirit of compromise, yet they must feel that it advances their program for control in a way which is impossible under the present Charter and Plan, and which would be impossible under the amendments as proposed by a Minority of the Directors.

No one can foretell exactly what would happen if the Minority Report were adopted. It might well be that a large number of the present board of Trustees, smarting under the defeat of their program, as sponsored by Thompson, might either resign or feel themselves sufficiently chastised as to refrain from asserting the power to veto the election of professors by withholding approval of salaries. And even though the Trustees remain with the present personnel in their present temper, the next step would be to have the Assembly so amend the Plan that the Trustees would be obliged to pay salaries to such professors as would be elected

by the ~~Trustees~~ Directors within the limits only of the funds in their hands available for that purpose.

I agree with you that the proposed amendments to the Plan and the Charter as contained in the Report of the Majority of Directors do differ radically and materially from those recommended in the Thompson Report. Aside, however, from the personnel of the new Board, and the naming of the Seminary as the beneficiary, the beneficial changes exist only in the Plan. It is my fear, and I believe I can sustain it under the principles of the civil law, that if the educational phases of the Seminary are turned over to the Trustees as a corporation, they will be in a legal position where they may, if they elect to do so, entirely ignore any or all of the restraining provisions in the Plan. Mr. Jessup and Mr. McCarter have already given legal opinions to the effect that under the existing Charter the Trustees enjoy educational powers, and this to the extent that the existance and functioning of the Directors has continued by the indulgence of the Trustees. I have never felt this to be true. It has not been true simply because the Assembly has never heretofore put educational matters in the hands of the Trustees. If they now do so under the language of the Plan as recommended by a majority of the Directors, I believe the element of estoppel will arise to close the mouth of the Presbyterian Church to say that it has not conferred those powers on the Trustees as a civil corporation, and if the legal result is that they will exercise those powers as a civil corporation then the Assembly or the Church at large will have no actual legal control in the situation except such as is reserved to it under the amended Charter. I cannot see that the

Charter amendments recommended by a majority of the Directors will be effective to preserve and secure this control. It is true that the change made by the majority directors report will require all of the money to be spent at Princeton Seminary, but it enables the Trustees to spend it for theological education in accordance with the standards of the Church, and it may well be argued that there is the implied power in the Trustees as a civil corporation to control and administer that theological education and at the same time to decide from time to time what is and what is not in accordance with the standards of the Church.

If this is a correct interpretation of the legal consequences of the proposed Charter amendments, it is obvious that the Church control at Princeton from a legal aspect is gone, and the administration of the Seminary in accordance with the provisions of the Plan will rest upon nothing more than the sufferance or a sense of moral obligation on the part of the Trustees.

Doubtless the Liberals regard this legal independence of the Church as desirable. It may well be also that many of the Conservatives would wish it. The reaction of either would depend upon whether it is "in" or "out". At the same time I doubt whether the conscience of the Conservatives would permit them to adopt the methods, which are equally open to the Liberals, necessary to make this independence effective.

You will gather from the foregoing that I view the practical, legal consequences of the adoption of the Report of the Majority Directors with considerable alarm. I apologize for writing you so at length.

Mrs. Shrader joins me in sending kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Shrader

JFS:S

HOLLIS W. STEWART
GLENS FALLS, N. Y.

May 2. 1929

Dear Court:-

Your letter was welcome. Your shirts were the finest broadcloth that comes across the water. and I am not sure we can send you the quantity & quality today. The boys are looking it up, and I will put in a note with this letter in regard to it.

Aunt Minnie is breaking down gradually. Had a slight shock sometime ago, impairing her mind & speech. This has cleared up now and she is strong mentally but very weak physically. Has been out only once in months. We are doing every thing possible for her and the doctor seems to be able to brace her up, but that will come to an end someday but I don't believe for a year or more. Don't be surprised if she writes you incoherently someday - altho

when she is bad, she gets Margaret to write for her. Just now, she's pretty good.

Margaret & I are both fine. She's a wonder. Had a 10 day trip to Washington two weeks ago. Took her father & mother from N.Y.

We are now getting our little camp in order to live in at the lake until Nov. 1st.

God smiles on us occasionally but also puts us over some pretty tough humps. I guess that is the way of the world.

Come up when you can.

Sincerely

Harris

HOLLIS W. STEWART
GLENS FALLS, N. Y.

You see, our shirts are all made to order.
Consequently our stock is of small proportions
and we don't have goods left on our hands
often -
We had only ¼ of the cloth you had and
one of another quality - in whites (linen)
broadcloth. I have put in 3 colored
shirts which you may return if you don't
want. But wear them - They are neat
patterns and no minister needs to deny
himself the privilege of kicking up his
heels occasionally.
Call on me again & we will have them
another time.
The office will send the bill, for I want
you the prices are low.

H. W. S.

Delhi, N. Y.
May 2, 1929

Mr. James S. Schrader
34th and Powelton Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Schrader:

Knowing your thorough knowledge of and interest in the Princeton Seminary matter and hoping that you will gain election to the Board of Directors on May 6th, I am moved to send you some explanation of the fact that my name is on the majority report of Directors to the Assembly. The signers of that report differ widely in their fundamental attitude but agree as to what is the best thing now. I confess to some qualms to have my name with that of some who are with me.

1st. We are contending against a liberal crowd, middle of the road crowd, and some thorough conservatives who have full confidence in Erdman, Stevenson, Speer. The three elements make a formidable group and control all our church machinery including the Assembly. We are not in a position to win without some compromise of policy. We must get in a position to defeat the Thompson report. Dr. Craig agrees with some liberals that our report differs little from the Thompson report. I dissent. It differs very radically.

a. Including all of both boards as now constituted instead of eleven of each with eleven more such as Thompson, the master politician, would name including himself.
b. It makes assistant professors voting members of the faculty, who were of purpose left out in Thompson report.
c. It requires two-thirds instead of majority to dismiss. This protects Machen and alii who would certainly be picked out by any board selected by Thompson.
d. The funds must be used for theological education at Princeton, which was likewise intentionally omitted by Thompson

I maintain these are very important differences. Adoption of Thompson report would place Princeton over immediately into liberal control. Craig and others say they prefer that. I cannot see that way at all. Better a good big conservative membership than one or two which Thompson would allow as a "sop" to save his face. I am told he had selected Macartney, Laird, McEwan, M. Alexander, who would be helpless. With combined boards we have at least a chance.

2nd. After all this turmoil and heat the two boards could not walk together at all. Every man chosen professor would have to have the approval of Trustees to get a salary. They could trip and check every action of Directors. They could cause delay and nullify at every step. They have not done so in years past but with vicious men like McDowell, Emmons, Jennings, they would do so in the future. The only way would be for Assembly to adopt Craig's report and at some time remove seven Trustees which you and I know is a fantastic hope.

3rd. With two Boards as now constituted united I have no assurance but very little doubt that the control would be conservative. Trustees Fox, Nicol, Lamer, Rellstaf, Magie, Moore, would vote with conservative directors on essential matters. There are others who are not wholly radical in belief.

4th. Craig's report was submitted to the Directors three times and I voted for it three times but it failed each time to gain a majority of Directors. How in the name of good sense can one expect to carry through an antagonistic Assembly that which could not pass our own Board? If Craig's report should pass the Assembly I would rejoice greatly but I cannot see how it can possibly do so. We have been licked constantly since 1924 and largely because of our own political ineptitude. In a mob like the G.A. an apt word or an inept word will turn the vote. We must face condition as it is not as it should be. I believe that properly presented the majority report will have a chance of beating Thompson report which was conceived and written in unrighteousness. I am not assured it will pass but have strong hopes. If it does it will take three years to put into effect but Thompson report will go immediately in effect. There lurks a hope in my heart that some strong man disgusted with the whole matter and many solutions will ask and carry that the whole Princeton business go on the table forever.

I see Horace Hill is a Commissioner. I hope you will take him into careful instruction. I do not ask that you convince of my views, which may not be yours, but post him on whole matter as you see it. I have sent you all this to assure you that I am as stiff as stiffest in my fundamentalism and am following the only way I see available to check the "ring" which holds the church.

It will be a calamity if Cleland McAfee who has been climbing to be moderator for at least ten years, sould be elected. He is not a man to be so honored by the church.

All of which is respectfully submitted to my good friend.

Yours truly,

WCR:MAL

J. WILLISON SMITH
100 SOUTH BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA

April 29th, 1929.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi,
New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I appreciate the desire to increase the income on the funds which you have for investment but I do not know of any security that I can recommend to you where the income is beyond the 6% yield, and at the same time give a definite assurance of return of principal, and in my opinion it would be a mistake to hazard your principal for the higher yield, which means that I fall back to my original position of safety for your investments on the basis of guaranteed Mortgages of the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages on the basis of 5½%.

If I can be of further service, or if you desire to make a selection of Mortgages on the above basis, I will be pleased to have you call upon me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JWS:JC

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOBART, NEW YORK

JOSEPH A. SCHOFIELD, JR., PASTOR

Monday morning

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you so much for your letter about General Assembly. I am quite overcome by the honor and responsibility that has come to me.

Of course I shall vote against McAfee. Dr. Holbrook was in here Saturday night and he too said McAfee has been aiming at the Moderatorship for years. He says he exhorts at various bands in the Sunday Schools of Kansas soon.

Your speech against the Union overture was a masterpiece. I am proud of the vote of our Presbytery on all the overtures.

I hope to see you soon.

Cordially yours,
Andy.

State of New York :
: ss.
County of Delaware :

Laura Salton, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the mother of Margaret Salton and resides in the Town of Delhi, County of Delaware and State of New York.

Deponent further says that said Margaret Salton was born on the 10th day of June, 1911 in the Town of Delhi, County of Delaware and State of New York, and will become of the age of 18 years on June 10th, 1929.

Laura L. Salton

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 23rd day
of April, 1929.

Frank Brady
Notary Public.

JOHN C. SHARPE
BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY

4/10, 1929.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

I have delayed answering your letter, awaiting the decision of the Committee. I understand that they are unanimous in regard to the man they will recommend to the Congregation. I think he will be called. I am sure Mr. Rockhold would be a good man.

Yours Sincerely, John C. Sharpe

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Rev. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are on the lookout for two or three unusually good book manuscripts with which to fill out our Summer and Fall lists of publications, and we shall be pleased to examine anything, either of a religious or of a purely literary nature, that you may care to submit at this time.

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Cordially yours,

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P.S. Should you care to glance over our catalog in order to get some idea as to the general scope of our work, we shall be pleased to send you a copy at your request.

W. M. SAMPLE
3502 HAMILTON STREET

PHILADELPHIA, March 29. 29

My Dear Doctor Robinson

Our old friend Robert M Ireland passed away yesterday and is to be buried from Northminster Church on Saturday - He had been active up to within a few days of his death. He was past 80 years of age - We will miss him very much.

I saw your friend Dr Board at the last meeting of the Presbyterian House Union and he told me - You had recently spent a night with him. I trust you are feeling better than when you last wrote me - Please remember me to Mrs Robinson.

Yours Very Truly
W M Sample

You will note by the enclosed card that we are about to move to a house Charles has built out on the main line

My dear Court.

It now a long time since I have heard from you and I would like so much to know how you are? As for me I am better than when I wrote before but by no means well as I was before - have not been out of the house since Christmas but as the weather gets warm -er will try the air.

I am anxious to know
work and am look to
ment and if the children are
Eleanor them now home
I think so often of Eun
and wonder how she is
it - if her hands are very
I am getting tired now so will
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March 15th, 1929.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Dehli,
New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

With further reference to your letter of February 28th, I beg to give you the following information -

In the event that you desire to establish a voluntary trust as indicated in your letter, the trust could be made revocable or irrevocable as you desire, and the terms of the trust would be in such form as you desire.

It is usual in a voluntary trust for the settlor of the trust to approve all investments, but the Trust Company will secure and submit the information regarding investments to the settlor.

The charge for the service in connection with the trust is three percent (3%) on the annual income of the trust and two per cent (2%) to be paid on the principal of the trust at its termination.

Answering your inquiry regarding Investment Companies, I beg to state that the scope of Investment Companies is so wide and the character of the Investment Companies and their securities so diversified, that it is difficult to advise in a general way as to whether Investment Companies represent desirable investments or not, and we have found in our experience that the only basis of safety with respect to investments in such Companies, is to make a study of each individual trust and insofar as possible, its securities.

With reference to your inquiry as to the largest and surest return on your investments, I beg to state that where the beneficiaries under the trust are dependent on income, the first requisite in such trusts would be to secure the safety of the principal and secure a fair return in interest rates or income, and it has been customary on the part of this Company in a trust such as you are considering, to invest largely in first mortgages, either guaranteed or without a guarantee, and I do not believe that you could consider an interest rate of better than 5½% to 6%, which could be obtained, in our opinion, only through first mortgages and well

TO -
Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D. March 15th, 1929.

secured real estate.

I have endeavored to cover your inquiry but in the event that there is any doubt in your mind of any of the problems about which you desire information, I want you to feel free to call upon me, either by correspondence, or in person, and if you are coming to Philadelphia, and desire to see me, do not hesitate to let me know so that I can give you whatever time is necessary for the proper consideration of your problem, and this supplies to you whether the creation of a trust is in contemplation or ordinary information regarding your personal investments.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JWS:JC

Second Presbyterian Church
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dr. M. G. Simpson
Clerk of Session

January 16 1929.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi,N. Y.,

My dear Dr. Robinson :-

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that in accordance with action taken by our Session last Monday night and confirmed by Presbytery yesterday you have been selected to deliver the Charge to the Pastor at the Installation of your son Rev. Stewart M. Robinson as pastor of our church,said installation services to be held in the church Thursday eve. January 24th. 1929 at 7.45 PM. Other ministers participating will be Dr. E.B.Cobb,our Pastor-Emeritus,who delivers the Charge to the People,Dr. L.B.Crane who preaches the sermon,and Revs. C.J.Wood,W.G.Felmeth,and W.C.Rommel,all belonging to Elizabeth. We hope that this arrangement will be entirely agreeable to you,and that we may count on your presence. Permit me to add that we have been hearing so many pleasant things about you that we are beginning to think of you as one of the family. We will be glad to meet you and hope to know you better.

Very truly yours ,

M. G. Simpson - Clerk

Phila 1/15/29

My dear Doctor

I beg away to inform You that my dear wife passed away Thursday peacefully after 3 months sickness She was operated on the 14th and when she was opened up they found that a Cancer had attacked all her organs nothing could be done for her she had all the attention anyone could give her We certainly known her she was greatly she was 75 yrs old & were all thankful that she was spared to enjoy her 55th Anniversary hoping You are both well

Your loving Friend
Frederick

My dear Court=

I thank you very much for my Christmas gift - It was very acceptable - I told all the nurses to send me the same and while the size was not the same the other was the same - for I do want the special thing very much - There are times when I need to have the nurse with all of my own - I am just about through with all the happy times = I was so glad to be able to take some small part in Christmas festivities and not be at back

back ground — and at that I maybe them change them plans a little for they are very convenient of me I think it very lonely of them all I do not know why they are so for I have often offered but a trouble and a pain to them also.

Hollis & Margaret went to Long Christmas — Went Saturday morning and came back Wednesday — they went by auto and not such a bad day — We had a X mas dinner at Mabry's then we spent at Louise's

Miss Slater reported
a meeting with Aunt
+ Ann - She has been
sick since she came
home with flu - but
promises to come up
and report -

My love to Gus
Sending a large share
for himself

With all thoughtful wish for your
dear self -

Jim

Jim